



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John W. SHULTZ, et al.)
U.S. Serial No.: 09/924,981) Attorney Docket:
Filed: August 7, 2001) PRO-107.2
For: PYROPHOSPHOROLYSIS AND) (6868/82379)
INCORPORATION OF NUCLEOTIDE)
METHOD FOR NUCLEIC ACID) Group Art Unit:
DETECTION) 1634
Examiner: Dr. Arun Chakrabarti) Confirmation No.:
5131

REPLY

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Official Action mailed November 26, 2002, for which a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and its required fee are enclosed. Continued prosecution and reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments below and the discussion that follows.

The consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is gratefully acknowledged.